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New probate code being studied for Ho-Chunk Nation

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An effort to develop a Ho-Chunk Probate Code that began in 1995 has finally gained some traction.

The Probate Code would specify directions of distributing the estate of a Ho-Chunk member who has died, if a written will had not been established.

The project was begun and continued by former Legislator Jim Greendeer.

“Jim Greendeer is the champion of the effort to establish the Probate Code,” said Legislator Henning Garvin. “I’m coming in at the end, but I want to see it through.”

Wendi Huling, Tribal Counsel for the Department of Justice recently presented the proposed Probate Code at an Area 1 meeting.

The Probate Code is necessary in order for the Tribal Court to handle probate issues for all tribal members, and assist those who do or do not have a will on how the distribution of their estate is to be handled. How-

ever, the issue of writing of one’s will is somewhat in conflict with Ho-Chunk Culture.

So, some sort of Probate Code has been discussed by the Ho-Chunk Legislature to alleviate any uncertainty since the initial drafting of a Probate Code on Sept. 21, 1995, has been addressed throughout the years but, did not gain a lot of momentum again until 2004, when it was readdressed by the Ho-Chunk Finance Committee and the Administration Committee. The code was about 200 pages and was put out for a 45-day comment period, but was never approved by the Legislature as there were quite a bit of areas that needed substantial redrafting to bring the document in compliance with American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004 (AIPRA), Huling said.

The American Indian Probate Reform Act (AIPRA) was established by the federal government. It was passed by Congress and became effective on June 20, 2006. It was last updated in January 2009. Under AIPRA, estate planning on tribal land can be a complex blend of federal, state and tribal laws.

In 2009, the issue came up again for reconsideration at Ho-Chunk Legislative meetings with Legislative Counsel and the Department of Justice involved. The groups also have been working with Douglas Nash, Director, for the University of Seattle School of Law, Institute for Indian Estate Planning and Probate. Nash has traveled to Black River Falls three times to assist with drafting of the Probation Code, Huling said.

The work group includes the Legislative Branch, Executive Branch, Tribal Aging Unit (TAU) Board and members of the Traditional Court,



Wisconsin Judicare staff help Ho-Chunk members with drafting a will, power of attorney and basic estate planning at the House of Wellness in Baraboo in January last year.

who lent their wisdom for the effort to include the cultural aspects. The original 200 pages of the code has been refined to approximately 43 pages for the Trust and Restricted Land Section of the Code and 50 pages for Non-Trust portion of the Code, Huling said.

The proposed code has two sections, Huling said. The first part is the Trust and Restricted Land Section, which requires Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) approval. It is intended to prevent fractionated tribal land, meaning it is configured to keep tribal land together, rather than divided among different entities. The BIA has a 180-day review period, which can be extended for another 180 days after any modifications, if needed.

The Non-Trust Section involves personal property, other than land, of which the code will only need Legislative approval. This part of the Code encompasses the cultural and religious aspects of the Ho-Chunk people in regards to the division of personal property.

One of the main reasons for the Probate Code is to ensure the Ho-Chunk Nation and its members’ sovereignty, Huling said. As it stands now, many probate cases of tribal members are handled through state and county court systems where the tribal member resided, while they could be handled through the Ho-Chunk Court System if the code is established.

The Task Force is diligently working on the Code to make the recent suggested changes and hopefully move on to the next stage of a 45 day comment period soon.

With the other aspect of inheritance, Michelle Greendeer-Rave, Tribal Counsel for the Justice Department has conducted workshops in each of the areas to assist tribal members with the basics of will writing and how to make them official.

Huling said, there is a Web site on the Internet, www.indianwills.org, that is sponsored by the Seattle University School of Law, Institute for Indian Estate Planning & Probate that is specifically

designed to address probate issues in Indian Country. It is very informative in regards to helping tribal members make an informed decision on how they may want to handle their estate issues and assist in creating their own wills.



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We look ahead to furthering the accomplishments in this final full year of this administration, we know that challenges await and the work will be hard but we WILL succeed. We also know that we can't fix everything or deliver everyone's wishes but we will not abandon our responsibility to keep that effort going and improve each day.

We are moving toward re-investing in the communities

where we live. With projects in several areas, the goal is to create more employment opportunity and generate revenue. This revenue is needed to meet the wishes of larger projects we've committed to like the Elder Assisted Living Facility, the Healing Center, and Community Buildings.

Even more changes are needed from within. These are essential but don't always get all the hype of

a ground-breaking or ribbon-cutting ceremony. Our entire budget, finance, payroll, grant, and personnel management system has aged out while doing its best to host a rapidly growing nation. We have prioritized moving forward with a new and more efficient system that focuses on consistent reporting and accountability.

As well, Information Technology (IT) continues a battle

with complex and multiple program support, insufficient temperature control, and dwindling server space. For any system upgrade, IT must have a sound infrastructure and internal controls to support changes.

We remain focused on the finished product but more importantly, focused on why we work to achieve these changes and who we do it for.

Please stay warm, check

on elders and those who may not be able to look after themselves and make sure they have heat, food, & clear walkways.

In Good Health,
Maąšusga
Jon Greendeer
President of the Ho-Chunk Nation

Some cry foul over rapidly rising propane prices

Submitted by Kathleen Vinehout, WI State Senator

"I've been in business for 36 years," the propane man told me. "I believe this is simply price gouging." The propane retailer's wholesale price went from \$3.19 to \$5.29 a gallon in just a few days. I wanted to know why.

At first, I heard the usual "supply and demand" story: a late planting season meant high moisture grain drew down propane supplies. Indeed, propane use to dry grain was four and one-half times larger this past harvest than a year prior.

January-like weather during the first of December meant increased propane demand earlier in the season. As one industry representative said: "It's simply a matter of economics 101 – supply and demand."

But things were not as simple as they seem.

"The propane industry has some responsibility here," one man told me. "We knew

reserves were dangerously low going into the harvest season," said another.

According to Bloomberg News Service, propane stockpiles are the lowest since the government began keeping records in 1993.

I spoke those in the propane industry, listened to constituents and congressional staffers and did some digging in industry and government publications. I learned several "man-made" actions contributed to a shortage of propane.

In mid-November, Kinder Morgan Inc. shut down its Cochin pipeline carrying propane from Canada to the Midwest. The company kept the pipeline down until late December to install pumps used to reverse the flow of gas from south to north.

The company plans to sell a lightweight petroleum product to Canada to mix with heavy crude oil. The complete reversal of the pipeline was scheduled to happen next summer. However, I heard from retail-

ers, the company upped the start-up date to mid-February – permanently removing a critical route transporting propane to the Midwest.

Many in the industry told me rail lines – another route of transporting propane to the Midwest – choose large volume contracts like coal, grain or sand – over smaller lots like propane. I learned of one retailer who ordered nine rail cars of propane last fall and still had not taken delivery. Trucks also are in short supply.

"I can buy propane for \$1.50 a gallon in Texas," one Alma man told me. "But I can't find a truck to go pick it up." A Pepin retailer said, "There are 186 trucks lined up [in Mont Belvieu, Texas] to get propane and they can only fill three an hour."

The Wisconsin Propane Gas Association recently sent a letter to lawmakers explaining the shortage and the rapid rise in prices. They closed the letter with the following:

Be warned, the situation in 2013-14 is not the result of a "perfect storm," but rather due to structural flaws in the industry.

The U.S has no strategic reserve for propane and no restrictions on the export of propane.

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, the exports of propane and propylene have increased five and a half times in the past two years. Just in the past year exports nearly tripled.

Industry officials knew about the Cochin pipeline shut down (and the plans to reverse the line no longer delivering propane to the Midwest). They knew about the high demand for fuel to dry down grain and help cope with the very early, very cold winter. Still exports remained at the nearly triple (over last year) high figures all throughout January.

Reuters recently reported: "This is definitely an issue that will come to the surface

as the fallout (of the shortage) becomes more well known," said John Kilduff, partner at Again Capital LLC, a hedge fund. "The industry has been caught short, a lot of consumers are going to ask the question - why are we allowing this?"

Finding a solution involves action by the industry and government. We need an "At Home First" U.S. policy that creates a strategic reserve of propane, limits exports in times of domestic need and makes sure companies are not price gouging.

Iowa Senator Chuck Grassley recently requested the Federal Trade Commission "remain vigilant in overseeing the propane market to prevent anti-competitive behavior or illegal manipulation, and ensure that any supply shortages are not created artificially." Senator Grassley has the right idea.

State surplus should be used to invest

Submitted by Chris Danou, WI State Representative

Last week, Governor Walker gave the annual State of the State address in the Assembly chambers. A ceremonial event with elected officials from both houses of the legislature and other dignitaries present, it gives the current administration the chance to proclaim achievements and lay out the agenda for the coming year.

While Gov. Walker spent most of his time talking about things Wisconsin should be proud of, such as the ginseng, cranberry and tourism industries, he made mention of a plan that he is calling "Blueprint for Prosperity." According to the Institute for Taxation and Economic Policy and Wisconsin Budget Project, the highest earners would benefit the most under the Blueprint plan. The top 20% of Wisconsin wage earners, or those making more than \$88,000 a year, would receive 44% of the benefit. Conversely, the bottom 20% of state residents by income, or those making below \$21,000 a year, would receive 5% of the \$504.6

million Gov. Walker has proposed to cut in property and income taxes.

It sounds great to provide Wisconsin residents with tax cuts, but the fact is that the money going to folks is not much for one individual. For those in the top 20%, they will see about an extra \$308, while those in the bottom 20% will see an extra \$38. Since we have seen dramatic cuts to public schools, health care and our infrastructure, it seems to make more sense to invest that money into the things that will put Wisconsin on the right track for the future.

Our neighbor to the west, Minnesota, is doing just that. Instead of taking their surplus and giving it back in very small amounts to individual citizens, they are taking the large sum and investing it toward the common good. With about \$1 billion, they are able to make significant investments in things that help the greater population, such as public schools and health care. They seem to understand investing on the front end will

help make their population more educated and healthier. This thought process will not only help them save money, but it will also help them bring in more revenue in the coming years due to a healthy and productive workforce.

Indeed, we are at a turning point here in Wisconsin. Like Minnesota, we too have about a \$1 billion surplus. We have the chance to make investments today that will benefit us tomorrow, but Gov. Walker and the Republican majority are missing the opportunity so they can have political talking points going into the election cycle. While Gov. Walker's tax cuts are a small amount for individuals, if that money was pooled together and properly invested, we could truly do good things for Wisconsin residents.

Unfortunately, it seems as though Wisconsin is taking a different course from Minnesota and is missing a unique opportunity that would have positive effects for years to come.

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The importance of shared meals

Developed by HCN Nutritionist Heather Jerzak, RD, CD

With the cold weather keeping most of us indoors this time of year, it's time to look at an important indoor activity that is good for us year-round. It is the family and community practice of "shared meals" or "family meals". The following is a list of some questions, concerns, and tips on how to get started.

What is a "shared" meal-time?

• A shared mealtime is a time where family or friends gather together to enjoy a meal or snack as well as each other's company. It can in-

clude the entire family, whoever is home at the time, you and your significant other, or just two friends getting together for coffee.

• Food is optional. The important thing is to share time together, even 15 minutes can work.

Why is it important to share a meal with someone?

- Shared meals have been shown to promote healthier food choices at any age.
- In addition, when families prepare a meal together, children learn important cooking skills.
- Parents and adults are also able to model healthy eating behaviors and healthy social

skills to children at meal-times.

How do I get started?

1. Take small steps.
 - Even if it is only 1 time per week, schedule a shared meal with your family or a friend. Write it on your calendar or planner. Add more shared meals as often as possible.
2. If you are cooking at home, plan a healthy, enjoyable meal.
 - Have other members help plan the meal or help with grocery shopping.
 - For meals, aim to include at least 3 of the 5 food groups (Vegetables, Fruit, Grains, Protein, and Dairy). For

snacks, aim to include at least 1 of the 5 food groups.

- Include available members in the cooking and preparation process. Try a new recipe together.
3. Remember, setting and mood is important.
 - Turn off the TV, mobile devices, and any other items that can create a distraction.
 - For fun, set the table. Try things like cups or glasses instead of bottles or try colorful napkins.
 - Use shared mealtimes to help younger members practice good table manners.
 4. Most importantly, value the time spent with each other.



- Create conversations every member can share in.
- Try to keep conversations positive, this can be a great time to connect with your family and/or friends.
- For families with children, find or create "conversation cards" to introduce a new and fun topic, such as "If you could be any kind of food, what would it be and why?"

Supplement Safety

Developed by Cassandra Steadman, RD, CD

What You Need to Know About the Role of the FDA in Ensuring Supplement Safety

There are many things to consider when adding a supplement to your daily routine. One of the important factors is safety. There are many common misconceptions about the safety of over-the-counter (OTC) supplements, so throughout this article you will find some statements released by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that you should take into consideration before starting any supplement. You will also find some tips to avoid harm and to make safer choices regarding supplement use.

OTC supplements, contrary to popular belief, are NOT tested by the FDA prior to them entering the market. "Dietary supplements do not need approval from the FDA before they are marketed," reports the FDA. The FDA does not test supplements before they are sold to consumers, as long as the supplement doesn't contain a "new dietary ingredient." In the case that it does, the manufacturer has to provide adequate evidence that the new ingredient is safe for consumption. Due to limited financial resources,

the FDA focuses its efforts on public health emergencies and products that have been reported to cause injury or illness. There is little expectation for the FDA to begin testing supplements before they are released to the public in the foreseeable future.



By law (the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994) it is the responsibility of manufacturers to ensure the safety of its supplement. The FDA has to show that a dietary supplement is unsafe before it can restrict its use or remove it from stores.

OTC supplements have sometimes been found to contain ingredients that were not identified on the label, including prescription medications. Only once problems are reported by consumers, does the FDA test the supplements to identify its contents and take action to remove it from stores.

No certification, inspection or permits are required to manufacture supplements in the U.S.

Some supplements can interact with medications you are currently taking, which can lead to serious health problems. For example, St. John's Wort may reduce the effectiveness of prescription drugs for heart disease, depression, seizures, certain cancers or oral contraceptives.

Some supplements can have unwanted effects during surgery such as changes in heart rate, blood pressure or increased bleeding. It is important to inform your doctor

about any OTC supplements you are taking and adhere to their recommendations related to its use.

Dietary supplements can provide some necessary nutrients, but are not intended to replace a balanced diet. While you need enough nutrients, too much of some nutrients can cause problems, so do not take more than the dosage recommended by your provider.

What To Look For

Look for the USP seal on supplements (right). U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention Verified dietary supplements are products that have been



voluntarily submitted to the USP Dietary Supplement Verification Program and have met the program's stringent testing and auditing criteria.

As always, please contact your provider and discuss any supplements that you are considering taking BEFORE you start taking them.

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Art students create ‘Native Pride’ mural for BRF Middle School

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A bright new mural now hangs on the hall in the stairwell of the Black River Falls Middle School.

It’s a combined effort from many students as a symbol of the proud presence of Native Americans in the school system.

The very colorful, impressive “Native Pride” mural is adorning the wall in the stairwell on the gym side of the building. The design was made with acrylic paint on a Masonite board.

The mural, under the direction of art instructor Lee Amborn, started as the result of a request last year by the district’s Cultural Infusion Committee. Ho-Chunk tribal members Tina Boisen and Barbara Blackdeer-Mackenzie approached the Art Department, requesting that they create murals for each of the buildings in the district.

The Art Department was asked to involve as many students as were interested. The mural was intended to be an inclusive and educational piece, therefore native and non-native students alike took part in the painting of the mural, Amborn said.

“We got input from the students regarding what they felt the mural should be and how we should go about putting it together,” Amborn said. “The seventh- and eighth-graders decided they wanted it to be a ‘fractured design.’”

A group effort followed to come up with what topic or idea specifically to fracture, Amborn said. It was decided the mural should represent the entire Ho-Chunk Nation, so included in the mural were the words “Native Pride,” Eagle Feathers, and the header from the Ho-Chunk tribal newspaper, the Hocak Worak, which is a silhouette of the Twelve Clans of the Nation.



People responsible for producing the mural are (back row, from left) Calista Stumblingbear, GavVonna Mustache, art teacher Lee Amborn, Trevonna Rave, (front row) Gwendolyn Hall, Savanna Pallamolla and Kailynn Anderson. Artists who worked on the mural, but not pictured are Brenda Rave, Kaylyn Rave, Danae Rave, Marin Smith and Anthony Patino.

Plans have been made to make Native American murals for each of the school buildings in the Black River Falls School District.

Elders and youth share culture through Bridging the Gap across Generations event

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Youth and elders joined together on Wednesday, January 25, to gain a better understanding of each other.

It was part of the Bridging the Gap across Generations event, which was held at the Andrew Blackhawk Post 129 American Legion Building.

Elders, parents and youth gathered for the event, which was coordinated by the Ho-Chunk Social Services. Greg Blackdeer was the master of ceremonies for the evening.

It was the first event of its kind and Social Services organizers are considering making it at least an annual event. It was originally planned to be held in the Bingo Hall at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls, but the venue was changed to the American Legion Building because of bad weather conditions.

The program started off with a meal and then a generational discussion began with a panel of elders who spoke of their lives when they were younger.

Following the discussion, a group of the Ho-Chunk youth was asked to introduce themselves speaking only in Ho-Chunk. They greeted the audience, shared their Ho-Chunk spiritual name and English names, mentioned their parents Ho-Chunk spiritual names, and told everyone where they lived.

After the introductions, the elders were interviewed by the youth and shared their personal information in Ho-Chunk. The youth were willing to share their personal information in Ho-Chunk.

The youth waited on the elders throughout the evening, serving them food and drinks, and treated the elders with respect.

In attendance were members of the Tribal Aging Unit, the Ho-Chunk Language Program, Social Services, Clan Mothers and Ho-Chunk youth from Youth Centers in Milwaukee, Wittenberg, Nekoosa, Wisconsin Dells, Tomah, La Crosse and Black River Falls.



Ho-Chunk Gaming Donates to VFW Unmet Needs Program

Submitted by: Arielle Hall (HCN YS-Teacher)

The Ho-Chunk Gaming donated a check of \$3,000 to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Unmet Needs Program on January 16. Ho-Chunk Gaming gave this donation to the VFW Unmet Needs Program for the past five years. Tris Harris, Senior Public Relations Manger of Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls, presented the check to the owner of Burger King in Black River Falls, Mike DeRosa, Woody Meyer (from the WWIS Black River Falls radio station), Floyd Pratt, and Jerome BJerke, who are veterans in the Black River Falls area.

It can be a struggle for military families; that’s why The Unmet Needs Program (VFW) helps families of military service members with any sort of needs, such as: housing, food, transportation, and utilities.

Mike DeRosa owns 12 Burger Kings throughout Western Wisconsin. DeRosa got Burger King involved in the Unmet Needs Program in 2007, just a few years after the Unmet Needs Program

started. DeRosa was the first Burger King Owner to get involved in the Unmet Needs Program. While DeRose was getting all of his restaurants involved in the program, he was able to get over 1,000 Burger King Restaurants nationwide involved in the VFW Program. DeRose gave an example of how the VFW Unmet Needs Program helps those in need. He said, “When the husband is away on deployment, the wife has bills to pay by the end of the month, which allows the VFW Unmet Needs Program to help the wife out with bills.” DeRose also said, “about 55 percent of the money that the VFW Unmet Needs Program makes goes towards house payments or rent.”

Black River Falls Burger King has raised over \$2,500 in a year. Many people have given to the Unmet Needs Program, but in order for it to continue, many Burger King Restaurants will be offering a free food coupon for any of those who donate towards the program. The free coupon is good for a free burger or fries.

Ho-Chunk Nation is the first corporate sponsor for the



(From L to R) Jerome BJerke- US Army, Tris Harris, Senior Public Relations Manger of Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls, Mike DeRosa, Black River Falls Burger King Owner, and Floyd Pratt, US Army.

Unmet Needs Program. The Ho-Chunk Nation is the highest single donor to the Unmet Needs Program. Burger King has shown its dedication by raising more than \$2.7 million for the Unmet Needs Program over the years.

The campaign to raise money for the Unmet Needs Program starts in November and ends on Pearl Harbor Day which is on December 7. Even though this year’s campaign is over, the Unmet Needs Program will accept donations throughout the year. You can visit the program’s Web site at www.unmetneeds.org.

Tomah VA, American Heart Association team up to raise awareness about heart disease in women

Scott Farley, Public Affairs Officer, Dept. of Veterans Affairs

The Tomah VA Medical Center will raise awareness about heart disease in women Veterans at a “VA Goes Red” health event at Tomah VA at the library, Building 401, Feb. 7, 2014, from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., sponsored by the American Heart Associations “Red Dress Campaign.”

“We are proud to team with the American Heart Association’s Go Red for Women movement to raise awareness of heart disease in women Veterans and VA staff,” said Mario DeSanctis, Tomah VA Medical Center Director. “This event not only highlights our commitment to care for women Veterans, but it’s also a great opportunity to share information about cardiovascular disease and prevention.”

Activities will include blood pressure checks, healthy refreshments, fitness advice, and educational displays.

“With the number of female Veterans and women in the military rising, and Go Red For Women entering its 10th year, now is the time to unite in the fight against the

number one killer of women and advocate for an increase in women-focused research,” said Gail Bertolino, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention program manager. “Currently, 90 percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing heart disease, so we’re thankful for the opportunity to provide Veteran women with life-saving information about their personal risks.”

Women serve in every branch of the military, representing 15 percent of today’s active duty military and nearly 18 percent of National Guard and Reserve forces. By 2020, VA estimates women Veterans will constitute 10 percent of the Veteran population.

VA and the AHA announced their collaboration in May. By combining efforts, the organizations can maximize their resources and share Go Red for Women’s messages and tools with women Veterans and VA employees.

Visit www.va.gov/women-vet and www.womenshealth.va.gov to learn more about VA programs and services for women Veterans.

Celebrate National American Heart Association Month!

February 2014

Getting to the HEART of it.
The Basics of Heart Disease

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FACILITATED BY: Paula Przywojski, Registered Dietitian at Black River Memorial Hospital and Kathleen Clemons, Exercise Physiologist at Ho-Chunk Healthcare Clinic.

February 11

• Spotlight Speaker: ELLIOT GARVIN shares his experiences with heart disease.
• Overview of the program.
• Signs and symptoms.

February 18

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• What does heart disease look like?
• How can activity help?

February 25

• Good nutrition part II, just the fat facts.
• Common treatment interventions.
• How much exercise do you really need?

Feel the Beat and Get Moving.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that about 600,000 Americans die from heart disease and stroke each year—that’s 1 in every 4 deaths. Do you know your risk? If you smoke, have high blood pressure, diabetes or family history of heart disease, you may be at risk.

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Ho-Chunk Emergency Assistance Program offers tips for self-sufficiency

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Due to an increase of requests to the Ho-Chunk Emergency Assistance Program, offered by Ho-Chunk Social Services, the Emergency Assistance Program would like to offer the following tips. These tips are meant to help prevent people from becoming in dire need of assistance, and may also help people become more self-sufficient.

Remember when applying for Emergency Assistance, the applicant is first required to exhaust all outside resources. Applicant must provide proof of fulfilling this requirement. There is also a checklist attached to the applications. Applicants should make sure that the checklist has been read and all required documentation is attached. This will help in processing the request in a timely manner.

All applications are taken in the order they are received and, at times, the need for assistance is demanding. Patience is greatly appreciated.



Cold Days I Remember

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It is the first Sunday of the New Year and tomorrow is predicted to be the coldest day in a decade. So, it got me thinking of cold days, winter and Wisconsin at this time of the year. I remember when I was a kid living in Mauston in 1959 or so, like I said in a previous article my memory is not that good, I believe it was around that time. That winter was one that I do remember. My family was living in an apartment above a garage that has long ago been replaced by a large retail store, when the snow fell...and fell and fell. I believe the snow was about 6 feet deep and the drifts reached the bottom of our second story windows. I looked on Google to see if there is a record of this snowfall, and according to Google it never happened. I did some more research and there was an 80 inch snowfall during that time, so I guess I do have some proof to back-up my story.

My older brother, Gary and his pals dug out some caves and walkways through the 6-foot snowfall that I happily walked through. I thought that was really cool and it kind of made me feel like an explorer somewhere at the North Pole or maybe an Eskimo sitting in an igloo or maybe just a Ho-Chunk kid in a snowdrift in Wisconsin. It was quite an experience for a little kid that had never been out of Wisconsin. I have to say that although today I am not a fan of snow and cold, growing up here the snow and cold events do not surprise me.

Speaking of cold, I don't remember how cold it was in 1959, but I am sure it was a typical Wisconsin winter. It may not have been 50 below, but it was probably a bit chilly.

Today, I am waiting for this 50 below cold to hit and I have to be truthful, I don't think it's going to happen, if it does, us old Wisconsinites will not be shocked or surprised by what the weather holds. Cold, yes it will be cold, but I also remember getting up on winter mornings, getting dressed and going out to shovel the driveway so my dad could get to work. It would snow a foot or two over night and be as cold as cold could be, but we got out there and shoveled the way too long driveway anyway. After that we had breakfast and then walked to school. Yes, I said walked to school. Back then the schools didn't close because of the weather. (We must have been a lot tougher than kids today)

There were no mini-vans and SUV's delivering kids to the front door of school back then. We walked and froze and we lived to tell the story. So, today...let the cold come. Of course I not going to walk to school or walk to Wal-Mart but if I have to go out I will throw on my long johns, sweaters and boots and hope that this is not another winter cold and snowy memory.

ENERGY TIPS FOR WINTER

HEATING
Keep thermostat at 68°or below.
Lower thermostat at night and when not home.
Check furnace filter monthly, replace as needed.
Tune up heating system at least every other year.
Keep registers and cold-air returns clear of furniture and drapes.
Open drapes to allow sun in, close at night.
Install inside plastic film on drafty windows.
LP Heat – Set schedule to check tank gauge regularly.
Contact your heating/LP company to see if they have a monthly budget plan that you may be eligible for.

ENERGY TIPS FOR SUMMER

COOLING
Have your air conditioner serviced every other year
Close drapes, shades and blinds during the day.
Cook outside or use your microwave.
Check furnace filter monthly if you have central air & replace as needed.
Use exhaust fans to remove heat and moisture produced from cooking and showering
Keep registers and cold-air returns clear of furniture and drapes.

MISCELLANEOUS TIPS

HOUSEHOLD
Use of ceiling fans to circulate room air.
Use energy-efficient lights.
Shut off equipment not in use. A power strip can make this more convenient.
Purchase Energy Star or energy-efficient appliances and HVAC equipment.
If clothes dryer is vented with plastic vent hose, replace with metallic vent pipe.
Use cold water to wash clothes.
Run dishwasher at night.
Clean the clothes dryer lint trap after each load.

Replace shower heads made before 1994.
Insulate electric water heaters if they feel warm to the touch.
Fix leaky or dripping faucets and toilets.

BENEFIT
Save on heating costs.
Save on heating costs.
Prevent Problems from too little airflow.
Increase safety and Decrease costly repairs.
Improve comfort and system efficiency.

Save money and improve comfort.
Save on heating costs.
Prevent extra fees due to an empty tank.

This may allow your monthly bill to stay consistent and allow extra money for other expenses.

BENEFIT
Operates more efficiently

Save money and reduce heat from direct sunlight.
Reduce cooling costs.
Reduce cooling, dehumidification costs and improves airflow
Reduce cooling and dehumidification costs. Also improves indoor air quality.
Improve comfort & system efficiency.

BENEFIT
Can lower energy costs.
Save money and reduce heat produced.
Save money and reduce heat produced.

Save energy and money.

Reduce drying costs. Prevent dryer fires.

Save 12 to 25 cents per load.
Reduce cooling costs and daytime humidity.
Save 8 to 11 cents per load for gas dryer or 27 to 32 cents per load for electric dryer.
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Save money.

Save water and energy.

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Location: House of Wellness

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For more information please contact: Kristi Green 715-284-2622 Ext. 5101

Winter Wonderland Dance for the Youth

Fiona Fay
Staff Writer

Ho-Chunk Youth Services hosted a “WINTER WONDERLAND” dance for all areas on January 18, 2014. Students came from all over the state! The day was full of fun and learning. Students who attended were part of numerous prevention and educational classes. The day began with a delicious meal was shared by all compliments of the Family Fitness grant. Students were then divided by gender. The Ho-Chunk Clan mothers came and spoke to the young women about respect and cultural empowerment, while the Ho-Chunk men were present to speak to the young men about Ho-Chunk ways. The students really appreci-

ated this guidance, and many were asking for more time with their speakers and even exchanged email addresses/face book names with them. The youth were then expected to participate in several other short 15 min prevention classes including; Domestic Violence, Bullying, Cyber bullying, Drug and Alcohol abuse, and Positive Parenting. Once all the learning had taken place the youth were ready for the dance along with pizza and chips, compliments of Office of the President. There was also a snowman building contest, complete with rolls of toilet paper. The youth were randomly “married” to each other and then by luck of the draw given real parenting situations and had to respond

accordingly. (mustard poopie diapers were no fun!) Ho-Chunk Idol had over 30 students “tried out”, and judges slimed it down to the top 4 finalists. The four selected students then had to sing in front of the group to determine the winners. Our winners were 4th place: RaeAnne Rockman, Milwaukee 3rd place: Bobbie Morris, WI Dells, 2nd Place: Naomi Falcon, BRF and 1st place: Terrance Cleveland, WI Dells. There was a lot of laughter and lots of opportunities for youth to mingle and meet peers in a positive environment! A special THANK YOU goes out to all who participated and encouraged our youth to be a positive voice and role model for their communities.



Winter Wonderland Dance snowman contest.



Winter Wonderland Dance youth at table.



Winter Wonderland Dance youth working on snowman.

Ho-Chunk Nation Participates in MLK Day Celebration

By Vincent Schilling,
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On Monday, residents of Madison, Wisconsin attended the 34th Annual “Tribute and Ceremony” Celebration honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Though many attendees may have expected speeches honoring Dr. King or other related activities on this federal holiday, many were perhaps pleasantly surprised to also see the participation of a Latino Youth Orchestra or approximately 20 Ho-Chunk Nation singers and dancers in full regalia.

Dr. Jonathan Overby, from Wisconsin Public Radio, himself of African American and Native Descent, says the complete inclusion of diversity to celebrate Dr. King’s legacy is a “No-brainer.”

“For me personally this is a no-brainer. Dr. King’s life and his legacy particularly celebrated inclusion and his vision of inclusivity was very broad. My grandfather was an enslaved Cherokee First Nation American and he married an enslaved woman. That is a part of the fabric of my own background,” Overby said.

During the event, which was produced and hosted

by Overby, Stefan Collins, a student at Madison Area Technical College delivered Dr. King’s “I Have A Dream” speech. Dr. Jack E. Daniels was the keynote speaker and performances were given by Milwaukee’s Latino Arts String Orchestra and Singers and Dancers from the Ho-Chunk Nation.

“To put on an event like this is an opportunity to see not only what Dr. King represented but how he wanted us all to celebrate our differences and the uniqueness of the ancestors of this country. It is a definite way to illuminate as to what makes this country wonderful. It was important to have the Ho-Chunk Nation there,” Overby said.

Collin Price, the Public Relations Officer and enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation spoke well of the event which he saw first-hand.

“It was great to see. This was the second year we’ve done this. The organizer, Dr. Overby has been doing this for a number of years. Last year, he called our office and discussed that this should be about the diversity and celebration of Dr. King’s legacy,” Price said.

“Dr. Overby stated he didn’t understand why he didn’t



Approximately 20 Ho-Chunk Nation singers and dancers in full regalia participated in MLK celebration at the Wisconsin Capitol.

think to reach to the Native community in Wisconsin considering there are 11 tribes here. So he said he figured he’d give us a call.”

“Last year and this year, we’ve provided a drum and about 20 dancers to participate at this approximate one hour event at the state capital. The Governor, Chairman John Greendeer and other officials in state government were in

attendance. It was pretty cool, all of the dancers felt like rock stars taking pictures with everyone,” Price said.

Dr. Overby says celebrating several cultures under one roof was a concept worth remembering.

“The most talked about aspect of this year’s event was the recognition that there was an intentional design to bring these groups and these

cultures together. This is the only time of year that this happens at the state capitol – in which there is a celebration with so many diverse groups, including the audience members, who are sitting next to each other celebrating gospel music, Indian dancing and an orchestra of Latino kids. It was a powerful, powerful experience.”

Boisen ready to take on challenges as Labor Department Director

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Tina Boisen knew it wasn't going to be an easy job, but that is exactly what she likes – she enjoys a challenge.

Boisen, on Tuesday, January 21, was approved by the Ho-Chunk Legislature as director of the Ho-Chunk Labor Department.

"I'm surprised, but excited at the same time," Boisen said.

Boisen had been serving as interim director for about two months. Before that move, she was working in the Education Department.

"It's really not that hard of a transition," she said.

That is because Boisen has a lot of assets and experience going for her. Through the years, she's worked in many professions within the Ho-Chunk Nation.

"I started working for the Nation in 1995," Boisen said. "I was an intern, working with GIS for the Lands Division in a downtown basement."

Boisen has worked with various jobs within the Ho-Chunk Nation ever since, except for one. She worked from 2004-09 for the Black River Falls School District as a Native American Student Services Specialist.

"I've worked in housekeeping, fast food and fast food management, and factory work. I worked at a paper mill driving forklift and worked at Norplex working with hazardous chemicals and with the union," she said.

Boisen has a bachelor's degree from University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point. Her hobby was ornithology and has a strong interest in horses.

When working with the Ho-Chunk Nation Lands Division, she spent a considerable amount of time in the Kickapoo River area, completing a resurveying of historical archeology sites. She's also worked in Housing and with Youth Services as a teacher.

Boisen also worked for Environmental Health, conducting water surveys on tribal lands. She's even worked as a bartender and a waitress.

"I'm a worker," she said. "I'll do it until I die because that's who I am. I give credit to my father, who instilled a work ethic in me."

Boisen has several goals she would like to accomplish. She would like to increase the Nation's workforce, but also she would like to increase the quality of the workers.

"I've worked in enough places to see the good stuff

and the not so good stuff," she said.

She remembers working in the paper mill and the lessons she took from it, where safety was the culture. Boisen served on safety committees in previous employment and she saw first-hand how safety was critical.

"Accidents do happen," she said. "Not only is safety important for the workers, it is crucial because of liability to the Nation. We need to keep a safe work environment."

TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Office) and the 477 programs are in place to help tribal members gain and maintain employment, Boisen said, but they are not intended as a Band-Aid.

"We need to look at the intended purpose of the dollars," she said. "I'm going to take a hard look at the data of the programs. I'm going to look at the successes and where change needs to take place."

The important part of the programs is that tribal members acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to be long-term gainfully employed.

"TERO is an opportunity for the Nation to flex its sovereign abilities with the intent to provide quality employ-



Tina Boisen recently was approved as the director of the Ho-Chunk Labor Department. She is ready to face the challenges and the responsibilities of the position.

ment and training for tribal members," Boisen said.

She also wants to work on the system of employment advancement within the departments.

"I want to work on it as a whole," she said. "There's not a system in place for advance-

ment."

She has a vision for developing the current programs into assistance that will be more efficient and productive.

"I see the need," she said. "If I can make progress, I'll be happy."

Farewell



Margaret (Muggs) Garvin receives from Robert Mann the second of two Pendleton blankets given to her during her farewell ceremony. Garvin provided a few emotional words of appreciation on Wednesday, January 16, announcing her departure from employment with the Ho-Chunk Nation to take another job with Monroe County as its Veterans Service Officer. Speakers offering praise to Garvin included Mann, Kathyleen LoneTree Whiterabbit and Jim Greendeer.

A Retirement Luncheon

Fiona Fay, Staff Writer

Patti Hestekind is set to retire after 20 years working in the Ho-Chunk Nation Treasury Department at the Executive Building in Black River Falls. The Treasury Department held a luncheon on January 17, 2014 at Traveler's Tales downtown Black River Falls to honor Hestekind's hard work and dedication. Hestekind was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a Pendleton blanket. Her retirement luncheon was friendly and warm with many staff members congratulating Hestekind on her success throughout the years.

Patti Hestekind plans on working a few days a week at Jan's Place, a bar and restaurant owned by her sister Jan and Don Matalas. Patti Hestekind gave a small speech.



Patti Hestekind receives Certificate of Appreciation .

She said" It was fun working for the Ho-Chunk Nation. I was giving the chance to meet new people. Everyday had its up and downs but I will

miss working with the staff and will miss working in the Treasury Department for the Ho-Chunk Nation."

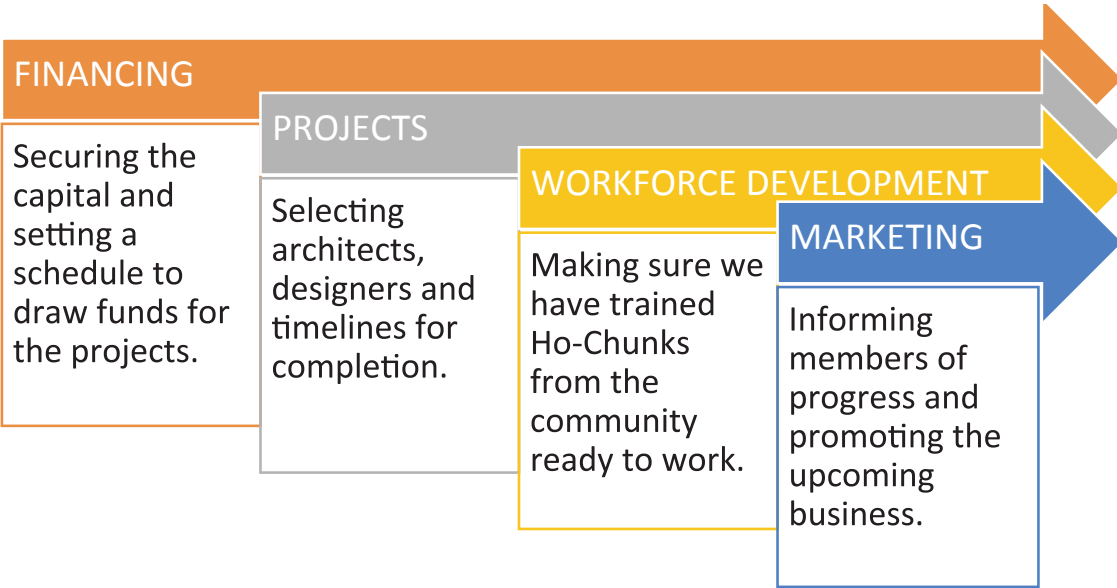


Reinvestment Expansion

It is time to reinvest in our facilities and our people and we are taking a BIG step forward in OUR communities. With plans specific for Njoxawani (Black River Falls), Niishaksuc (Wisconsin Dells), Pac Ciinak (Wittenberg) and Niikusara (Nekoosa), and Ho’uni Xunujik (Tomah) our efforts are focused on generating more revenue and making more jobs available where many of OUR members live.

The challenge is to synchronize multiple projects with careful planning and work cooperatively toward the common goal of completing what our communities have been asking of their Nation for years. Unlike a “build it and they will come” approach, capital development has to include making sure we market and inform throughout the project and that a Ho-Chunk workforce is ready to hit the ground when these places open.

The initiative is built around what our communities have asked of their Nation and as the plans begin to take shape, we anticipate tapping new markets for revenue and project hundreds of new jobs right in the heart of Ho-Chunk communities. This is no easy task but cooperation and support have advanced this initiative very quickly and our hope is finalize a schedule and put these wishes to reality. Your support is greatly appreciated.



PER CAPITA ADVANCEMENT UPDATE

On **January 8th, 2014** Legislature approved a revised Per Capita Advance (Loan) Policy and Application. Below is a summary of the significant changes:

- **Per Capita Loans are now referred to as a “Per Capita ADVANCE”.**
- **The Treasury Department will accept applications one day after the last scheduled Per Capita Distribution.** (no longer 5 day waiting period)
- **Direct Deposit- All Per Capita Advances will be disbursed in the same manner as their quarterly Per Capita Distribution.** (Direct Deposit will be allowed if members currently have Direct Deposit set up for their quarterly Per Capita Distribution).
- **Revised Application allows for members to include their email address.**
- **Revised Policy/Application requires a signed “Per Capita Pledge Agreement”.**
- **Members must provide receipt for any shortages paid in order to receive the maximum amount on Per Capita Advances.**

TREASURY WILL BE ACCEPTING NEW PER CAPITA ADVANCE APPLICATIONS ON **FEB 02, 2014 THRU END OF QUARTER APR 10, 2014**. THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT **WILL NOT** ACCEPT OR HOLD ANY ADVANCE APPLICATIONS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT TIME FOR THE QUARTER.

THE FIRST INITIAL CHECK RUN WILL BE DONE ON FEB 15, 2014.

- THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT WILL **NO LONGER ACCEPT** THE OLD APPLICATIONS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, **SO PLEASE DESTROY ALL OLD APPLICATIONS!**

The revised application and policy is available online at:

WWW.HO-CHUNKNATION.COM

NEW FAX NUMBER FOR THE LOAN DEPT. EFFECTIVE 3/20/12 IS **715-284-7887**

TRIBAL LOAN EMPLOYEE UPDATE

On **January 8th, 2014** Legislature approved a revised Tribal Loan Employee Policy and Application. Below is a summary of the significant changes:

- **Members who are on FMLA status will be eligible for a reduced payment form.**
- **Revised Repayment Terms- minimum payment per week will be \$50.00 for ALL Employee Tribal Loans.**
- **The Loan Department will no longer require “original” applications for Tribal Loans. A faxed legible notarized copy of the loan application will be accepted.**
- **Revised policy states the Nation’s payroll has the authority to withhold from an employee’s final paycheck all vacation hours “up to” \$1000 and any amount above minimum wage to be applied to the balance of the Tribal Loan.**
- THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT WILL **NO LONGER ACCEPT** THE OLD APPLICATIONS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, **SO PLEASE DESTROY ALL OLD APPLICATIONS!**

The revised application and policy is available online at:

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NEW FAX NUMBER FOR THE LOAN DEPT. EFFECTIVE 3/20/12 IS **715-284-7887**

There will be a public forum in your District regarding the proposed changes to the Per Capita Ordinance.

If you have a child who will receive a trust fund, please plan to attend one of these important forums.

Look for the forum in your district.

Forums will be held the weeks of **February 17-21** and **March 3-7**. More details to come. For more information regarding these important forums, please contact Christine Mach or Katie Funmaker at (715) 284-9343. Or email us at Christine.Mach@ho-chunk.com or Katie.Funmaker@ho-chunk.com

LEGISLATIVE MEETING
SPECIAL MEETING
EXECUTIVE OFFICES-BLACK
RIVER FALLS, WI
DECEMBER 5, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.
ROLL CALL:
President Jon Greendeer (P)
VP Heather Cloud (P)
Rep. Greg Blackdeer (EX)
Rep. Susan Waukon (EX)
Rep. Lori Pettibone (P)
Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)
Rep. David Greendeer (P 1:14 p.m.)
Rep. Henning Garvin (P)
Rep. Darren Brinegar (P)
Rep. Shelby Visintin (P)
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit (P)
Rep. Matt Mullen (P)
Rep. Robert TwoBears (P)
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit (P)

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Quorum is established.
OPENING PRAYER: Chief Clerk Ona Garvin offered a prayer.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to go in to Executive Session. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
The meeting goes in to Executive Session at 1:06 p.m.
The meeting returns to Open Session at 3:04 p.m.
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to ratify all action taken during Executive Session. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. **10-0-1(VP Heather Cloud) MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to add Resolution 12.5.13A The Fifth Third Bank Trust Transfer and Trustee Removal to the agenda. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt Resolution 12.5.13A The Fifth Third Bank Trust Transfer and Trustee Removal. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adjourn. The next scheduled Legislative meeting will be held at the Executive Offices in Black River Falls, WI on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted by,
Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit,
Tribal Secretary

HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATIVE MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
EXECUTIVE OFFICES-BLACK
RIVER FALLS
DECEMBER 17, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
ROLL CALL:
President Jon Greendeer (P)
VP Heather Cloud (P)
Rep. Greg Blackdeer (P)
Rep. Susan Waukon (P)
Rep. Lori Pettibone (P)
Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)
Rep. David Greendeer (P)
Rep. Henning Garvin (P)
Rep. Darren Brinegar (P)
Rep. Shelby Visintin (EX)
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit (P)
Rep. Matt Mullen (P)
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit (P)
Rep. Robert TwoBears (P)
DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Quorum is established.
OPENING PRAYER: Rep. Andrea Estebo requested a Moment of Silence.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt agenda with changes. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **10-1(Rep. Greg Blackdeer)-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar). MOTION CARRIED.**
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit requested adding a District 4 concern in addition to the District 4 Minutes. Rep. Robert TwoBears requested adding a trip request to attend an Indian Health Services

budget meeting. VP Heather Cloud tables items C. and D. under Unfinished Business.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Legislative Meeting Minutes - December 3, 2013
MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve the December 3, 2013 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Susan Waukon. **11-0-1(VP Heather Cloud) MOTION CARRIED.**
Special Legislative Meeting Minutes – December 5, 2013
MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve the December 5, 2013 Legislative meeting minutes as presented. Second by VP Heather Cloud. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Administration Committee Meeting Minutes – December 5, 2013
MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to approve the December 5, 2013 Administration Committee Meeting minutes as presented. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes – December 16, 2013
MOTON by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to approve the December 16, 2013 Special Finance Committee Meeting minutes as presented. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. **11-1 (Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit)-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
AGENDA AMENDMENT:
MOTION by VP Heather Cloud to add to the agenda the Revised Lead Bank RFP recommendation as the next order of business. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. **11-1 (Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit)-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to have the Black River Falls Youth Council presentation next to precede the discussion on the Revised Lead Bank RFP recommendation. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **10-1 (Rep. Susan Waukon)-1 (Rep. Robert TwoBears) MOTION CARRIED.**
Black River Falls High School Youth Council Presentation – Cyrus Ortiz, Ho-Chunk Youth Council President
Hijijahi Cyrus Ortiz, President; Celia Lonetree, Vice President; Waconjapii Gary Garvin, Treasurer, Izaak Ortiz and Lucas Stacy, Legislators for the Black River Falls Hocak Youth Council presented a request to fund their humanitarian trip for the Rosebud/Pine Ridge Community Service Project. This is to deliver donated items to a Domestic Violence shelter in Rosebud, South Dakota. Items such as clothes, shoes, toys, blankets, sheets, towels, children’s swings, playpens, etc. will be delivered. They will prepare and provide a Christmas Meal also. An itinerary was provided for December 20, 21st and 22, 2013. The request is for their budget of \$1,850 to cover fuel, lodging and meals.
MOTION Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt Resolution 12-17-13A, Black River Falls High School Youth Council Pine Ridge and Rosebud Community Service Project as amended. Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit spoke warmly about the work of the Youth Council in this humanitarian Christmas project. VP Heather Cloud amends the amount to \$2,000. Second by VP Heather Cloud. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
Rep. Susan Waukon requested the youth to report back to the Ho-Chunk Legislature on their trip. They said they will give a report and reconcile the finances.
Rep. Lori Pettibone leaves at 10:40 a.m.
Rep. Lori Pettibone returns at 10:45 a.m.
Lead Bank Arranger recommendation – Sandra Gleason, Treasurer
Recommendation of internal work group from the RFPs received for Lead Bank Selection as presented in the Finance Committee was discussed by Ms. Gleason.
MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit whatever is decided here today, whatever final document is reviewed and passed by this Legislative body upon recommendation of these individuals that signed this recommendation letter today that above all else the lead bank arranger will be mindful to protect the Nation’s best interests in financing including per capita for

the welfare, well being of our tribal members. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **10-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-1(Rep. David Greendeer) MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to table the Lead Bank Arranger recommendation. **MOTION DIES DIE TO LACK OF SECOND.**
MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to have PNC and US Bank selected from this point and to determine who the Lead Bank Arranger will be and who the co-arranger will be from those two. **MOTION WITHDRAWN.**
MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to have the Ho-Chunk Nation Treasurer research and assess any potential for a relationship with both of the top two recommended banks and return with the results of the research at the next Legislative meeting. **MOTION WITHDRAWN.**
AGENDA AMENDMENT:
MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to go into Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. Second by VP Heather Cloud. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
Rep. Henning Garvin leaves at 11:15 a.m.
Rep. Greg Blackdeer leaves at 11:15 a.m.
Rep. Henning Garvin returns at 11:16 a.m.
Rep. Greg Blackdeer returns at 11:17a.m.
MOTION by Rep. Susan Waukon to go out of executive session at 11:28 a.m. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **11-1(Rep. David Greendeer)-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to ratify all actions taken in Executive Session. Second by VP Heather Cloud. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
Rep. David Greendeer leaves at 11:30 a.m.
Rep. David Greendeer returns at 11:35 a.m.
Oral Surgery Request for Elder - VP Heather Cloud.
MOTION by VP Heather Cloud to approve \$4,481 out of Elder Assistance fund payable to Marshfield Clinic to pay for Oral Surgery Services for Elder. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **3-8 (Reps. Henning Garvin, Andrea Estebo, Susan Waukon, Matt Mullen, Forrest Whiterabbit, Robert TwoBears, Greg Blackdeer, Lori Pettibone) -1(Rep. David Greendeer) MOTION DEFEATED.**
Rep. Andrea Estebo leaves at 11:40 a.m.
MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen that the Department of Health and Insurance Division to look to revising our coverage for this type of dental implant surgery and come back to Legislature in the near future with a report. Not only for cosmetic purposes but there may be some medical benefit. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **9-2(Reps. Susan Waukon, Robert TwoBears)-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit leaves at 11:40 a.m.
Resolution 12-17-13B, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 10-05-10G, Hocak Wazijaci Nation Veterans Home Ownership Act.
MOTION by VP Heather Cloud to adopt Resolution 12-17-13B, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 10-05-10G, Hocak Wazijaci Nation Veterans Home Ownership Act with two amendments. To change the age from 60 to 55. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit made the correction of deleting at the bottom of the page the “a”. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
Rep. Andrea Estebo returns at 11:44 a.m.
Resolution 12-17-13C, Establishment of Criminal Code Legislative Work Group.
MOTION by VP Heather Cloud to adopt Resolution 12-17-13C, Establishment of Criminal Code Legislative Work Group. Second by Rep. Susan Waukon. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
Rep. Darren Brinegar leaves at 11:44 a.m.
Rep. Darren Brinegar returns at 11:47 a.m.
Wellness Vendor Selection – Libby Fairchild, Executive Director of Personnel.
MOTION by Rep. Susan Waukon to refer Wellness Vendor Selection to the Health, Social Services and Insurance Committee. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. **9-2(Reps. Forrest Whiterabbit and Darren**

Brinegar)-0.
Resolution 12-17-13D, Enactment of Audit Law (SHCC Section 11).
MOTION by VP Heather Cloud to adopt Resolution 12-17-13D, Enactment of Audit Law (SHCC Section 11). Second by Rep. David Greendeer. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree Whiterabbit returns at 11:50 a.m.
Resolution 12-17-13E, Approve and Enact the Agricultural Leasing Policy Pursuant to the Helping Expedited and Advance Responsible Tribal Home Ownership (HEARTH) Act.
MOTION by VP Heather Cloud to adopt Resolution 12-17-13E, Approve and Enact the Agricultural Leasing Policy Pursuant to the HEARTH Act. Second by Rep. Susan Waukon. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution 12-17-13F, Approve and Enact The Business Site Leasing Policy Pursuant to the HEARTH Act.
MOTION by Rep. Susan Waukon to adopt Resolution 12-17-13F, Approve and Enact the Business Site Leasing Policy Pursuant to the HEARTH Act. Second by VP Heather Cloud. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution 12-17-13G, Approve and Enact the Residential Leasing Policy Pursuant to the HEARTH Act.
MOTION by Rep. Susan Waukon to adopt Resolution 12-17-13G, Approve and Enact the Residential Leasing Policy Pursuant to the HEARTH Act. Second by VP Heather Cloud. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

VP Heather Cloud stated that the Agricultural, Business and Residential Leasing policies contain consequences for violation or illegal activities that should be noted in a proposed Criminal Code.
Lynwood.
A written report was received along with a budget and staffing requests. Review, no action.
Economic Diversification- VP Heather Cloud.
No new progress.
Resolution 12-17-13H, Approval of the CY2014 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Shawano County.
MOTION by VP Heather Cloud to adopt Resolution 12-17-13H, Approval of the CY 2014 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Shawano County. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution 12-17-13I, Headstart Federal Funding Application –Laurel Sackett Meek, Headstart Director.
MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt Resolution 12-17-13I, In Support of Head-Start Grant Application. FY2014-2015 in the amount of \$841,608. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **11-1(VP Heather Cloud)-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
Matching funds is shown as an obligation at this point but provided in the 2013 budget cycle, already approved.
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to break for lunch. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. **9-3 (Reps. Andrea Estebo, Forrest Whiterabbit, Matt Mullen)-0 MOTION CARRIED.** Return at 1 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER: President Jon Greendeer reconvened the meeting at 1:05 p.m.
ROLL CALL:
President Jon Greendeer (P)
VP Heather Cloud (P)
Rep. Greg Blackdeer (P)
Rep. Susan Waukon (P)
Rep. Lori Pettibone (P)
Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)
Rep. David Greendeer (P)
Rep. Henning Garvin (P)
Rep. Darren Brinegar (P)
Rep. Shelby Visintin (EX)
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit (P)
Rep. Matt Mullen (P)
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit (1:06 p.m.)
Rep. Robert TwoBears (P)
DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Quorum is established.
2013 Casino Audit Completion Presentation - Joseph Eve and Dennis Adams, Sr. Manager, in charge of Tribal Audit and Casino Audits, Certified Public Accountants-Certified Fraud Examiners.

Mr. Joseph Eve stated the purpose of the meeting is to comply with AICPA Statement on Auditing Standards Number 114-the Auditor’s Communication with those Charged with Governance. This report is given to have an effective two-way communication between JOSEPH EVE and the Legislators of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Discussion on the results of the 2013 audits included: Reports on the Casinos, significant findings from the Casino Audits, the qualitative aspects of the Ho-Chunk Nation’s significant accounting policies, significant difficulties, if any encountered during the audits, uncorrected misstatements, if any. Gaming facilities were Ho-Chunk Gaming, Wittenberg, Wisconsin Dells, Black River Falls, Nekoosa, Tomah and Madison. Detailed written report was provided.
Rep. David Greendeer leaves at 1:10 p.m.
Rep. David Greendeer returns at 1:20 p.m.
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit requested a copy of the Midwest Peer Group analysis. Mr. Eve will email a copy to send to all Legislators through the Chief Clerk.
Analysis of Profit Performance in Dollars, Analysis of Working Capital Impact, Four Year Analysis of Distributions, Analysis of Balance Sheet, Four Year Win Per Day Analysis and Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS) findings reports were discussed.
The National Indian Gaming Commission Minimum Internal Control Standards (NIGC MICS) Findings were in regard to Information Technology at Wittenberg, Wisconsin Dells, Tomah, Nekoosa, Madison and Black River Falls. Pull Tab issues/returns signatures were an issue at Wisconsin Dells.
There is one Financial Statement finding at Madison. There is a conflict between the finance Manual and Budget Process as to how capital asset additions should be recorded. In the future, gaming operation personnel should make the adjustments each month to transfer capital asset additions to the balance sheet. There have been improvements at the Casinos and management has made efforts to be in compliance with not only the Nations Internal Controls but also with the NIGC MICS. You do a good a job monitoring the Internal auditors and you are one of the more effective ones than we’ve seen in any group of casinos. The tribal inspectors are out there doing their job and that makes the work a lot easier when we review their work papers and see their reports and see what their findings have been. That has been a major improvement within the Nation.
Rep. Lori Pettibone leaves at 1:17 p.m.
Rep. Lori Pettibone returns at 1:31 p.m.
Bringing an outside group to assess Food and Beverage operations was a good move. There are major differences in policies and procedures for each site. They should be uniform. Free meals and comps all have an effect. These areas should be tightened up and made uniform. Health Care Center and some of the problems will be addressed in an upcoming audit. In hearings held by the Legislature there were some items that were questionable and inconsistent, particularly cost reports
MOTION by VP Heather Cloud for Joseph Eve auditors to follow up with the report to the Legislature on the Health Hearing investigation and comments submitted by tribal member Mrs. Angie Jacobs. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
Rep. Robert TwoBears leaves at 2:01 p.m.
Rep. Robert TwoBears returns at 2:02 p.m.
Rep. Greg Blackdeer leaves at 2:04 p.m.
Rep. Greg Blackdeer returns at 2:06 p.m.
TRAVEL REQUEST:
MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to authorize approval on an expedited basis two Legislators to attend the Indian Health Service FY 2014 Budget conference, January 8-9, 2014 in Tempe, Arizona. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **7 (Reps. Andrea Estebo, David Greendeer, Henning Garvin, Forrest Whiterabbit, Matt Mullen, Robert TwoBears and Lori Pettibone)-0-5 (Reps. Darren Brinegar, VP Heather Cloud, Susan Waukon, Greg Blackdeer and Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit). MOTION DEFEATED.** Two Thirds

(2/3) of Legislators must vote in the affirmative to pass on an expedited basis.
Rep. Kathyeleen Lone Tree Whiterabbit leaves at 2:10 p.m.
Rep. Henning Garvin leaves at 2:11 p.m.
DISTRICT CONCERNS:
District 1 - Black River Falls District Meeting, December 2, 2013.
Read for the record: **MOTION** by Forrest Funmaker to pass the Probate Codes for Trust and Non-Trust lands as is.
MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer to the Office of the President the **MOTION** by Forrest Funmaker for Anthony Littlewolf, his fiancé’, and his son to remain in their current residence at Maplewood Apartments until May 2014. Second by Rep. Susan Waukon. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
(Reps. Henning Garvin and Kathyeleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of room.)
MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer to the Lynwood Work Group the **MOTION** by Clayton Winneshiek to sell all properties at the Lynwood Complex. Second by Rep. Susan Waukon. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Reps **Henning Garvin and Kathyeleen Lone Tree – Whiterabbit out of room.**)
Rep. Henning Garvin returns at 2:14 p.m.
Rep. Susan Waukon leaves at 2:15 p.m.
District 2 - Madison, Wisconsin
MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to refer to the Ho-Chunk Constitutional Reform Task Force the **MOTION** by Marlys Whiteagle to accept the resignation of Chris Jendrisak as the HCRTF Delegate for District 2 Madison. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Reps. **Susan Waukon and Kathyeleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of the room.**)
MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to refer to the Tribal Aging Unit the **MOTION** by Marlys Whiteagle to accept Wilma Thompson and Harley Hendricks as the TAU representatives for the Madison Area effective today December 11, 2013. (Voted on by 7 district elders.) Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Reps. **Susan Waukon and Kathyeleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of the room.**)
District 2 - Tomah, Wisconsin.
MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to refer to the Constitutional Reform Task Force the **MOTION** by Chris Estebo to accept Roberta Decorah’s resignation as the District 2 HCRTF delegate. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Reps. **Susan Waukon and Kathyeleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of room.**)
MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to accept Roberta Decorah as the District 2 Tomah Area Election Board Delegate. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. **9-0-1 (Rep. Robert TwoBears) MOTION CARRIED.** (Reps. **Susan Waukon and Kathyeleen Lone-Tree Whiterabbit out of room.**)
MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to accept Chris Estebo as the district 2 Tomah Area Election Board alternate. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. **8-0-2 (Reps. Robert TwoBears and Andrea Estebo) (Reps. Susan Waukon and Kathyeleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of room.)**
Rep. Kathyeleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit returns at 2:18 p.m.
District 2 - La Crosse, Wisconsin.
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to the Office of the President and the Legislative Counsel the **MOTION** by Donald Greengrass that the Legislature makes Veteran Affairs a separate Department under the Executive Branch with an Executive Director. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. **Susan Waukon out of room.**)
District 3 – Wittenberg, Wisconsin
MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to the Finance Committee the **MOTION** by Georgianna Funmaker to donate \$3,000 to each of the following food pantries: Shawano County (218 E. Richmond St. Shawano, WI 54166), Wittenberg (607 S. Webb St. Wittenberg, WI 54494), and Marathon County (745 Scott St. Wausau, WI 54401). Second by VP Heather Cloud. **11-0-0 (Rep. Susan Waukon out of room.)**

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to the Office of the President the **MOTION** by Myrna Littlewolf to request approval for administrative leave for the Weight Loss Class sessions in Wittenberg. Second by VP Heather Cloud. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. **Susan Waukon out of room.**)
MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to the Office of the President the Motion to install exhaust fans into all of the bathrooms of the new duplexes. Second by VP Heather Cloud. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. **Susan Waukon out of room.**)
District 3 - Green Bay, Wisconsin
MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to the Office of the President the **MOTION** by Mary Lopez to look into having the Weight Loss and diabetes Management Classes in Green Bay. Second by VP Heather Cloud. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. **Susan Waukon out of room.**)
District 3 - Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin
MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to the Office of the President the **MOTION** by Myrna Thompson to disclose the results of investigations to the employee who is being investigated. Second by VP Heather Cloud. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. **Susan Waukon out of the room.**)
District 3 - Indian Heights, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin
For the record: Motion by Roger Thundercloud to have exercise equipment at the entrance to the Indian Heights community building.
MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to the Finance Committee the **MOTION** by Parmenton Decorah for the Ho-Chunk Nation to donate \$2,000 to the Wisconsin Dells Youth Basketball Club. Second by VP Heather Cloud. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. **Susan Waukon out of the room.**)
MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to the Office of the President the motion for Pre-K-12 to have representation at the January area meeting to explain their program. Second by VP Heather Cloud. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. **Susan Waukon out of the room.**)
For the record: Motion by Joyce Warner to have Kathyeleen Lone-tree-Whiterabbit rescind her motion about not funding Halloween and Christmas parties from October 27, 2010.
MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to the Office of the President the motion by Ken Funmaker for Insurance to present any proposed benefit changes, for next year, at the Indian Heights January area meeting. Second by VP Heather Cloud. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. **Susan Waukon out of the room**)
For the record: Motion by Joyce Warner to remove the \$300.00 month housing allowance for Legislators.
For the record: Motion by Roger Thundercloud for Indian Heights to have fire numbers, caution children signs, surveillance cameras, and bus loading signs.
MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to the Financial Examiner the motion to have Lynwood and Tomah Cinema on the monthly financial report. Second by VP Heather Cloud. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. **Susan Waukon out of the room**)
For the record: Motion by Lori Reader to allow GCA agents, alternates, and staff to purchase the tablets they requested.
For the record: Motion by Kevin Badboy to emplace more lights at the playground and basketball court at Indian Heights.
For the record: Motion by Lori Reader to donate the area meeting \$70.00, for the meal to Renea Perez, the Juneau County Christmas party Coordinator.
Rep. Darren Brinegar noted for the record: Pool to be included in the Hotel planned for Nekoosa.
Rep. Susan Waukon returns at 2:26 p.m.
District 4 – Milwaukee, Wisconsin
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to the Office of the President the motion by Jeanine Heffner that Housing send out the district 4 Needs Assessment Survey and complete it within 45 days. Second by VP Heather Cloud. **12-0-0 MO-**

TION CARRIED.
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to accept Alexandria Lange as Election Board Delegate. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to accept Jeanine Heffner as Election Board Alternate. Second by VP Heather Cloud. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to sponsor the Titans select and Stiks Academy baseball teams for \$1500 each for a total of \$3000. Second by VP Heather Cloud. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to accept Clarissa Pettibone to HCRTF Delegate. Second by VP Heather Cloud. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
District 5 – Chicago, Illinois
MOTION Rep. Matt Mullen to refer to the Administration Committee the motion to support the motion coming from Minneapolis area meeting to increase the pay wage of all urban branch office employees that would reflect at a minimum that given areas’ living pay wage. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to refer to the Land Development Team the motion by Kent Kirkwood to pursue the purchase of the 4738 North Milwaukee Avenue property immediately, and to express the (that) we are not interested in the current Irving Park Avenue location. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to accept the resignation of Sharon Cassilas as primary delegate to the Election Board and accept Karen Ramberg as the Primary delegate to the election Board and Sharon Cassillas as the Alternate delegate to the Election Board from Chicago. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
District 5 - Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota
MOTION by Rep. Kathyeleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to refer to the Finance Committee and the Office of the President to support the Montessori project with Janice LaFloe and do a due diligence report to provide a recommendation of financial support to the Ho-Chunk Nation or appropriate committee and bring the findings back to the Area V. Also, for the Ho-Chunk Nation to take into consideration the high cost of child care in the Cities and all the surrounding metro areas. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Kathyeleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to refer to Finance, the Health, Social Services and Insurance Committees and Office of the President to have the chiropractic limits for tribal elders be increased to \$5,000. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Kathyeleen Lone Tree–Whiterabbit to refer to the Tribal Aging Unit, Finance and Health, Social Services and Insurance Committees and the Office of the President to pay the elders Insurance Coverage Medicare Part B premium for the elders who are on a fixed income. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Kathyeleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to refer to Legislative Counsel, the Development Committee, and the Office of the President to support Paul Fox in his commercial endeavor. **11-0-1 (VP Heather Cloud) MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Kathyeleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to refer to the Office of the President the request to have Heidi Drobnick service to request help to elders for drafting their wills. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. **12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
Rep. Darren Brinegar requested status reports for the area for District Concerns. President Greendeer stated that area requests are followed up on and John Stacy would be able to report on the follow-up.
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit leaves at 2:41 p.m.
MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to go into executive session at 2:41

SUMMONS
(Second Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Lac Courte Oreilles Child Support Program, Petitioner, v. Angelina M. Blackdeer, Respondent.

Case : CS 13-58

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:
Angelina M. Blackdeer
You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.* *Id.*, § 2.6c.
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SUMMONS
(Second Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Myoisha Young and Milwaukee County, Petitioner, v. Justin Blackhawk, Respondent.

Case : CS 13-54

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Justin Blackhawk
You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.* *Id.*, § 2.6c.
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SUMMONS
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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Danielle K. Shakoor and Milwaukee County, Petitioner, v. Malcolm J. Cook, Respondent.

Case : CS 13-55

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Malcolm J. Cook
You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.* *Id.*, § 2.6c.
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SUMMONS
(Second Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Bayfield Financial LLC as Successor in Interest to Sears National Bank, Petitioner, v. Clarissa A. Pettibone, Respondent.

Case : CG 13-139

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Clarissa A. Pettibone
You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). You may request a hearing within your written response. *Id.*, Rule 73(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.* *Id.*, Rule 54.
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p.m. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
Break at 2:42 p.m.
Rep. Susan Waukon leaves at 4:09 p.m.
Rep. Lori Pettibone leaves at 4:09 p.m.
Rep. Susan Waukon returns at 4:13 p.m.
Rep. Lori Pettibone returns at 4:13 p.m.
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit leaves at 4:55 p.m.
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to go out of executive session at 4:55 p.m. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to ratify all actions taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. **9-0-1(VP Heather Cloud)**
MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to add to the agenda the Resolution 12-17-13J, Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the *Claims Against Per Capita Ordinance (2 HCC s.8)* to regular session. Second by Rep.

Henning Garvin. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution 12-17-13J, Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Claims Against Per Capita Ordinance (2HCC s.8)
MOTION by Rep. Kathyeleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt Resolution 12-17-13J, Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the *Claims Against Per Capita Ordinance (2HCC s.8)*. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
ADJOURNMENT:
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adjourn to Madison, Wisconsin, on January 7, 2014 at 10 a.m. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**
Adjourned at 5:00 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted by,
Kathyeleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Tribal Secretary

First Peoples Fund announces 2014 Artist in Business Leadership and Cultural Capital Fellows

First Peoples Fund, a Rapid City-based national nonprofit organization supporting the work of indigenous artists nationwide, is proud to announce its 2014 Artist in Business Leadership and Cultural Capital Fellows.

- 2014 Artist in Business Leadership Fellows:
- Scotti and Juliana Clifford of Scatter Their Own (Oglala Lakota), musicians from Pine Ridge, SD
 - Gordon Coons (Ojibwa), a hand pulled prints, acrylic and oil painting artist from Minneapolis, MN
 - Louie Gong (Nooksack), a multi-media visual artist from Seattle, WA
 - Thomas Haukaas (Sicangu Lakota), a ledger and beadwork artist from Tampa, FL
 - Wayne Gunville (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa), a sculptor from Dunseith, ND
 - Valerie (VR) Janis (Bay Mills Ojibwe), a photographer & literary artist from Rapid City, SD
 - Dawn E. LeBeau (Cheyenne River Sioux) a photographer from Eagle Butte, SD
 - Mike Marshall (Sicangu Lakota), a watercolor, batik and ledger artist from Mission, SD
 - Wesley May (Red Lake Band of Chippewa), an acrylic painter from Bemidji, MN

- Darrell Norman (Blackfeet), a mixed media artist from Browning, MT
 - Derek Poitra (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa), an oil painter & tattoo artist from St. John, ND
 - Melanie Sainz (Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin), a mixed media artist from Wisconsin Dells, WI
 - Jesse Short Bull (Oglala Lakota), a filmmaker from Interior, SD
 - Sarah Sockbeson (Penobscot), a basketweaver from Kingfield, ME
 - Jeremy Staab (Santee Sioux Nation), a silk screening and graphic designer from Lawrence, KS
 - Laura Wong-Whitebear (Colville Confederated Tribe), a basketweaver from Seattle, WA
- 2014 Cultural Capital Fellows:
- Heid Erdrich (Ojibwe/Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa), a literary artist from Minneapolis, MN
 - Wade Fernandez (Menominee), a musician from Keshena, WI
 - Jhane Myers (Comanche/Blackfeet), a traditional artist from Santa Fe, NM
 - Cyril Lani Pahinui (Native Hawaiian), a traditional Hawaiian musician from Waipahu, HI
- First Peoples Fund’s grant making initiatives in-



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clude: the annual Community Spirit Awards, Our Nations Spaces, Artist in Business Leadership, and Cultural Capital.

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For further information about First Peoples Fund or to apply for support through one of our programs, please visit www.firstpeoplesfund.org or contact us at First Peoples Fund, P.O. Box 2977, Rapid City, SD 57709-2977

An Oneida Nation Arts Program Event:

Native Writers Workshop

Feb. 1 and Feb. 8, 2014

Potch-Chee-Nuck, N7240 Hwy 45, Wittenberg, WI

Join us for a fun and production day of writing and producing work for publication!

The **Native Writers Workshop** will be held in two sessions on Sat. Feb. 1st and Sat. Feb. 8th, 2014, from 9:30am to 3:00pm. Writers to meet in the Potch-Chee-Nuck Bldg, N7240 Hwy 45, Wittenberg, WI 54499. The workshop fee is \$20.00 dollars in includes lunch and a beverage for both days.

These workshops will help all level of writers uncover their voice and inspire them to put their words to paper. Writers may submit for publication in a forthcoming installment of the Wisconsin’s Indian Nation’s Literary Journal, Yukhika-latuhse journal. Yukhika-latuhse (pronounced you-key-kaw lah-duce, meaning She Tells Stories) is Wisconsin’s Indigenous People’s Voice in Arts and Culture.

The instructor, Ryan Winn teaches English, Theatre, and Communications at College of Menominee Nation, where he also serves as the Humanities Department Chair.

In the first workshop, on Feb. 1st, “Finding Your Voice,” writers will focus upon writers realizing what stories they need to tell, and also what format they should use to tell them. Writers will have discussions and exercises in the following: Poetry-Using Five Senses; Fiction-A Necessary Change; and Non-Fiction-Passion Project.

The second workshop, on Feb. 8th, “Refining Your Words,” will move to new writing activities that help writers focus their gaze on a specific component of their work in order to captivate their audience. Discussions and exercises will include: Poetry—The Truth of the Matter; Fiction-A Choice and a Change in Three Voices; and Non-Fiction-Calling Us to Action.

Students can enter a writer’s competition and get published in the upcoming issue of ONAP’s literary journal for Native writers. Students must submit their writing to ONAP to be eligible for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes.

The workshop fee can be paid at the first workshop. For more info, contact Ryan Winn at rwinn@menominee.edu or Sherrole Benton at sbenton@oneidanation.org A registration form is online at www.oneidanationarts.org/news.html where a copy of the latest edition can also be found.

HO-CHUNK NATION

Higher Education

On the Road!

College Readiness Workshop

Upcoming Events:

• **Baraboo-House of Wellness**

Alberta Day Conference Room

February 19th

• **Madison**

Site and Date TBA

• **La Crosse**

Branch Office

April 16th

• **Black River Falls– TOB**

Legislative Conference Room

April 23rd

More Areas and Dates To Be Announced!

(Dates and Locations subject to change)

Don't miss this opportunity to:

• learn about the financial & academic resources available to you through the Ho-Chunk Nation;

• enjoy some food and refreshments;

• receive time management tips;

• meet a few of our Higher Education Advisors; and

• discover what to expect as you begin earning your College Degree!

Check out our Facebook Page for updates!

For more information or to RSVP email: **MANDY.YOUNGTHUNDER@HO-CHUNK.COM**

Job Title: Operator I

Location: Black River Falls, WI

Job no: 38294

Job Description:

Operates and maintains water/wastewater treatment, processing, disposal and testing equipment in water/wastewater treatment facility to purify water to meet permit and operational requirements.

Qualifications:

• Must have the ability to read, write and comprehend English (operational, process, safety and quality instructions). Must have the ability to perform basic mathematical calculations.

• Typically holds or is working toward a first level treatment certificate. (Requires minimum water/wastewater license as required by regulatory agencies at site).

• Six months to two years experience in a related position and environment with knowledge of the methods, techniques, and practices of water/wastewater treatment.

• Must be able to serve rotational 24 hour emergency on-call if required by site.

• Must be able to pass drug screen, physical exam, and background check.


• Must possess a valid driver’s license and a safe driving record.

For more details and to be considered for this position, please apply via our website:

www.veoliawaterna.com/careers • Reference Job No: 38294.

PART-TIME AIAA ADVOCATE JOB POSTING

With a grant from the Dept. of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, American Indians Against Abuse (AIAA) and Wisconsin Judicare have partnered on a project to provide holistic legal services to income-eligible Native American victims of domestic violence and sexual assault throughout the eleven tribes in Wisconsin. The advocate will be responsible for outreach, client screening, and other project duties as assigned. 26 hours per week. This position is housed at the AIAA office in Hayward, WI. Qualified applicants will have an associate’s degree in a related field, experience working with victims of abuse and specialized knowledge of tribal cultures and communities. Apply by submitting a cover letter and resume to Attn. Mary Jo Nyenhuis, Wisconsin Judicare, Inc., P.O. Box 6100, Wausau WI 54402-6100, info@judicare.org. Deadline: 1/31/14. AA/EEO.



HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

What is the difference between...
Influenza “The Flu”, “Stomach Flu”, and the Common Cold?

	Influenza “the flu”	Stomach Flu	Common Cold
Cause	Viral infection of the respiratory tract (i.e., the nose, throat, lungs)	A common name for viral gastroenteritis, which is an inflammation of the stomach and small and large intestines.	Viral infection located in the nose. Colds also involve the sinuses, ears, and bronchial tubes
How is it commonly spread?	Mainly by droplets from infected persons cough, sneeze or talking-droplets enter another person’s mouth or nose. (Occasionally from touching infected surface)	Close contact with person with the virus or sometimes eating food handled by sick person	Touching skin or items with virus on them and then touching your mouth or nose; droplets from sick person in the air around you
Signs and Symptoms	Fever (common) Cough Sore throat Runny or stuffy nose Muscle or body aches Headaches Fatigue (tiredness-common) Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults Onset: quick with a sudden fever	Chills Body aches Headache Loss of appetite Can cause fatigue Nausea, vomiting Diarrhea Onset: rapid	Fever/Chills *sometimes Cough Sore Throat Runny or stuffy nose Onset: gradual
Duration	Fever goes down in three to five days; tiredness and cough can last several weeks	Symptoms begin 1 to 2 days following infection and may last for 1 to 10 days depending on the virus. Most last 1 to 3 days.	Colds last an average of 1 week. Mild colds may last 1 to 3 days and severe colds may last for up to 2 weeks.
Treatment	Antiviral Drugs, rest, clear liquids *contact your provider right away	Rest, clear liquids, eats easy to digest foods. (no specific treatment or antibiotics effective)	Rest, drink liquids, cold medications (check with your doctor if unsure if right for you)
Prevention	Get vaccinated yearly Wash your hands often for 20 seconds Practice good health habits Cover your cough, sneezes-cough into sleeve Stay home when you are sick-without fever for at least 24 hrs without use of anti-fever medicine	Wash hands for 20 seconds, wash food prep areas, cook food to recommended temperatures	Wash hands for 20 seconds, Cover your cough, sneezes-cough into sleeve Practice good health habits

Prepared by: Louise Voss, Community Health Educator
Reviewed by: Jess Tyler, Community Health Nurse, Tomah and Holly Rodenberg/Christine Swanson, Nurse Educator
Approved by: Dr. Amy DeLong, Medical Director and Jess Thill Community Health Director

N6520 Lumberjack Guy Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615
Ph. 715-284-9851 Fax 715-284-5150

District One Community Center



Men’s 16 and Older Category

\$20.00 Registration fee. Winner takes all.


Women’s 16 and Older Category

\$20.00 Registration fee. Winner takes all.

The new Shape Shifters will begin on Friday, February 14, 2014. THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED BY THE TOTAL PERCENTAGE OF BODY WEIGHT LOST.

You must have your registration fee before you can weigh in.

Last weigh-in will be Friday, April 25, 2014 .



Weigh-in Schedule for Friday, February 14, 2014

6:00 AM—9:30 AM District One Community Center

10 AM—11:00 AM TOB

11:30 AM—9:00 PM District One Community Center

CONTACT MELISSA AT 715-284-0905

Tomah VA outpatient clinics, Vet Center phone, data service restored

Scott Farley, Public Affairs Officer, Dept. of Veterans Affairs

Telephone and data service at the Tomah VA Medical Center’s Outpatient Clinics in La Crosse, Clark County and Wisconsin Rapids and the La Crosse Vet Center has been restored.

All of the Tomah VA’s clinics and the Vet Center are open and seeing patients as scheduled. Veterans who need to contact the outpatient clinics or Vet Center may call (800) 872-3971 for any scheduling or care needs. Data connectivity has also been restored, so Veterans may also contact their health care teams securely through My HealtheVet.

Labor Department Board of Directors

SEEKING APPLICANTS

If you are interested in applying to become a board member please send of fax your application and resume to the Labor Department by February 3rd by 4:30pm.

Address questions and applications to:
Ho-Chunk Nation Dept. of Labor
P.O. Box 667
Black River Falls, WI 54615
715-284-9343 Ext. 1154 * Fax 715-284-1520



District One Community Center

Elder Social

Date: Thursday, February 20, 2014

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: District One Community Center

Come and join the fun!
Bingo
Lunch
Feel free to bring a prize
55 and Older
Need More information?
Contact Melissa at 715-284-0905



District One Community Center

PINAGA TOURNAMENT



Come and join the fun at the District One Community Center!!

Pinaga Tournament on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM. Registration from 5:30—6:00

If anyone wants to learn or have a refresher on how to play, we will be holding a Pinaga clinic on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 from 6:00pm—8:00pm at District One Community Center


Contact Melissa: 715-284-0905

CASH PRIZES

1ST PLACE-\$200.00
2ND PLACE-\$150.00
3RD PLACE-\$100.00
4TH PLACE-\$50.00

WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN

ITTENBERG AREA



ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME TO JOIN OUR MONTHLY WOMEN'S TALKING CIRCLE

January 2014

There is another way!

Looking for a supportive connection with other women in your community?

POTLUCK
Please bring a dish to pass

TIME: 6-7 P.M.


WHEN: Tuesday 1/21/14


WHERE: Potch-Chee-Nuck
N7240 US Hwy. 45
Wittenberg, WI


CONTACT: 715-851-1812
715-793-4863
Jan Red Cloud

Meeting on the last Tuesday each month

Strength in Unity



Sponsored by: the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services
 Domestic Violence Program



**ATTENTION HO-CHUNK ELDERS,
AGE 60 YEARS AND OLDER**

**NATIONAL INDIAN
COUNCIL
ON AGING CONFERENCE**

September 2-6, 2014
PHOENIX, AZ

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
ATTENDING THIS CONFERENCE,
PLEASE CONTACT TRIBAL AGING
UNIT OFFICE IN BLACK RIVER
FALLS AT (715) 284-0811
OR (888) 701-8284
ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100)
DEPOSIT AND COPY OF TRIBAL
I.D. REQUIRED
DEADLINE MARCH 1, 2014

HAGA Meeting
Saturday February 8, 2014
Starting at 10:00 a.m.
in the Rainbow Grille

Golfers are strongly encouraged to
attend this very important meeting so
that we can prepare for the
upcoming season.

WOMEN

Mind
Body
Spirit

**Black River Falls
Women's Talking Circle**

A comfortable place to explore new ideas and perspectives
and to be free of judgment.

There is another way!

Looking for a supportive connection with
other women in your community?

JANUARY MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday 1/21/14

WHERE: HCN Social Services Building
808 Red Iron Road
Black River Falls, WI

TIME: 5 P.M. - 7 P.M.

CONTACT: Hera Lonetree-Rindahl/Facilitator
(715) 284-9851 ext. 5012

This group meets monthly on the third Tuesday of each month. All women are welcome.

Take control of your life.



Sponsored by the Domestic Abuse Division
HCN Department of Social Services
808 Red Iron Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615
(715) 284-2622
Domestic Abuse Hotline: (877) 847-8689



POLICY NOTICE
DAYCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

In keeping within grant guidelines of the Nation's Child Care and Development Fund Grant – parent(s) eligibility must meet the criteria listed below:

The Tribal Lead Agency defines working for the purposes of eligibility as follows -

- Job Training program
- Limited Term Employee (LTE)
- W2 Program
- Vocational Rehabilitation (until program ends)
- Permanent employment of 20-45 hours per week
- Unemployed Parent/Head of Household – Only eligible for program for one month and in that timeframe employment must be established or payments will not be authorized.

Form ACF 118-A; OMB Approval Number; 0970-0498; Section 3.5.3 (98.16(f)(3)(4) and (6)a

Effective February 1, 2014 –


Parents will have one month from this date to meet above eligibility requirements to stay on the program. Questions regarding this policy notice can be directed towards:

Cynthia De Florian
Child Care Assistance Program
Ho-Chunk Nation Community Services
PO Box 40, 808 Red Iron Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615
PH: (715) 284-2622 Ext. 5148

2014 SEASON

District One Community Center
3 on 3 Basketball League

The 2014 Season for 3 on 3 Basketball is here!



Date:
Monday, March 3, 2014

Time: 6:00pm

District One Community Center Gym

Games will be held every Monday starting March 3, 2013.

Teams must submit their rosters by Friday, February 28, 2014.

Sign up as a team or an individual.

Season will be determined on how many teams are participating.

All players must be 18 years old.

Roster Forms are available at the District One Community Center!

We're Looking forward to another exciting season!

See you on the court!

Contact Melissa or Levi at
715-284-0905

No drugs or alcohol on Premises. If you are under the influence you will be asked to leave and will forfeit of game.
No Child Care is provide, please plan accordingly

District One Community Center

Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2014
Time : 6:00pm

Rules


All players must be age 18 or older

Minimum of 4 man team

Four Horses

Rosters must be in by Wed. March 12, 2014

Straight shot Moccasin Tournament



Registration forms available at District 1 Community Center

Contact Levi Winneshiek at DICC
715-284-0905

Prizes:

First place: \$300

Second Place: \$200

Third Place: \$100



Home Buyer Education

Come and join our Homebuyer Education class. This will be informative and give you the tools you need to begin your homebuying journey. Lunch will be provided. Call for a seat (608) 374-1245 Ext 238

Saturday, February 22, 2014
8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
Indian Mission Community Building
Black River Falls, WI



Sponsored by **Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency**



Elders Birthdays

1 Myrle Thompson	16 Violet Sam
Levi Thunder Sr.	Lucinda Littlesoldier
Steve Funmaker	Twyla Berry
Pinkah Greengrass	Lori Gamble
2 Calvin Snowball	17 Myrtle Funmaker
Harold Blackdeer III	Polly Cholka
3 Carol Whitethunder	Dwight Steele
Laverda Richter	18 Janet Dittmer
4 Sharon Lynch	Leon Oknewski
Matthew Johnson	Earl Smith Jr.
Carlos Cabasos	19 Alvane King
5 Calvin Monegar	Frank Decorah
6 Janet Funmaker	Helen WhiteHorse
Conroy Greendeer Sr.	22 Betty Kingsley
7 Celena Twinn	Albertina McArthur
Robert Mann	Shirley Kulvik
8 Fred White	Eugene Topping Sr.
Jean Stopinski	23 Mary Beeman
9 Geraldine Deere	Merton Lincoln
Forrest Whiterabbit	24 Arlene Keahna
Janet Muir	Delia Maisells
10 Marlene Helgemo	25 William Lamken
11 Martina Littleboy	Roger Thundercloud
Patricia Provost	26 Leonard Sheka Jr.
John Huth Sr.	Bridgadne Spiegler
13 Elwood DeCora	27 Millie Decorah
14 Lila Blackdeer	Boye Ladd
15 Eliza Green	Edith Prescott
Joann Baker	Bruce Pettibone
	Anna Reichenbach
	28 Carol Buchanan

McDonald celebrates 20 years with the Education Department

Marlon WhiteEagle, Editor

Jeff McDonald is the Accountant for the Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department. He has been there for 20 years, and has seen 30 plus executive directors sit at the helm of Education. He has also filled that position on an interim basis a time or two. He remembers, “I was executive director for 4 months when the Language Division and the home school coordinators operated under the department.” McDonald keeps great records and has set one of his own completing 20 years in the position.

The Education Department recognized Jeff by hosting a special 20 year celebration meal. The celebration was held on Friday, January 17, at the Skyline Golf Course. The Education Department staff invited several past executive directors, Ho-Chunk Nation officials, and Jeff’s close friends to help mark the occasion.

Neva Littlegeorge was one of the main celebration organizers and brought guest speakers up to the microphone. Marcus Lewis offered the prayer for the meal. Guests were invited to eat at the Skyline soup and salad bar.

Marie Lewis, a former Education Department Executive Director and current Tribal Aging Unit Director, was first to take the mic for a Jeff story. Lewis said, “I remember Jeff stole the spotlight from the rapper/actor, Litefoot, during a Ho-Chunk Youth Leadership Conference when he sat on the wrong picnic table during the performance. The table ended up breaking.” McDonald said, “Marie was the one I learned most from over the years. She was hired as the office manager, and stayed there for some time. Eventually was selected to the executive director position.”

Next up to the microphone was Greg “Bubba” Blackdeer. Greg and Jeff grew up together here in the Black River Falls area. Bubba remembered being Jeff’s friend in their early school days, then they lost touched, then became close friends again.

He said, “I remember seeing Jeff as the passenger in his dad’s truck many times. Jeff lost his dad a few years ago. I remember him. He would see me and say ‘So Blackdeer ...’; always addressing me by my last name. I also knew his grandmother. She had Alzheimer’s and couldn’t remember everyone, even family members. One time, I went to visit. She saw me and Jeff walk into the house. She said, ‘Greg, who’s your friend?’

Blackdeer presented McDonald with some photo gifts. In both photos, McDonald’s hair and beard were grown out. One photo pictures Jeff, with his excessive hair, walking to his car alongside of the famous Bigfoot photo. Jeff and the Bigfoot are positioned in similar fashion. The other photo is a close-up of Jeff with his long hair and beard when he pledged to cut it to raise money for Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services.

Forrest Funmaker, another former Executive Director of Education, offered more insight on Jeff’s time in the Education Department. Forrest said, “I remember Jeff would come in earlier, and earlier. Soon he was coming in at 6 a.m. I also challenged him to become more financially knowledgeable. He took a course, and was able to teach at the Nekoosa charter school. I felt like with me; he would get serious.”

The comic strip, Dilbert, was a talking point for McDonald and former Executive Director, Sid Lewis. Jeff got the humor while Sid didn’t. Sid said, “I



In 2006, McDonald grew out his hair and beard to help raise funds for Christmas gift project.

didn’t see the humor, and Jeff did. I’d ask him to explain it to me.” Sid continued, “We used to share hunting stories with one another too.” Sid shared one of his hunting stories that occurred in Canada on this day. But on the work front, Jeff would advise Sid on what ideas were doable and which ones weren’t. Sid said, “I appreciated his knowledge.”

Next up was Diane Rave. Rave, the Financial Aid Officer of the Higher Education Division, said, “I came on board in 1997. Jeff was already here. He is the co-worker I’ve worked with the longest time. I appreciate Jeff; we’ve worked on so many budgets and budget modifications together. I also knew Jeff’s dad; he was a teacher. With his great experience and knowledge, Jeff is the man behind the curtain.”

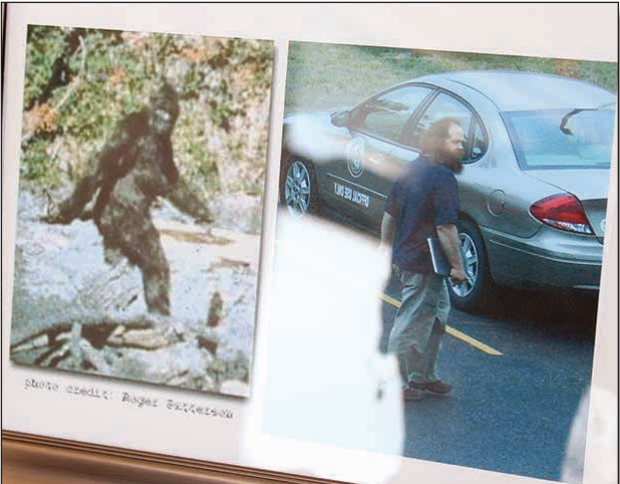
Michelle Cloud also offered up her Jeff stories. Cloud said, “I first met Jeff as an intern in 1994. We worked together at the Ho-Chunk Youth Leadership camp at Fort McCoy. Then again, we worked together in 1995, at the Muscoda property. I remember it hot during these camps, and a lot of hard work. After the camp, we all went to Six Flags Great America. Our goal was to ride every roller coaster. I know Jeff rode every one of them. Congrats, Jeff!”

Adrienne Thunder, Executive Director of Education, said, “I pray for Jeff on a daily basis. Jeff knows all. I rely on his wisdom and experience. I know he’s a man of faith, steadfast, and resolute. He helps me when I’m low. Congrats! And thank you.”

Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer made a presentation on behalf of the Education Department. Greendeer also offered congratulatory words as he made the presentation. He said, “First off, I want to thank you guys for putting this celebration together. There are not a lot of 20 year recognitions. It seems grayscale. I remember taking that 2006 photo of Jeff walking to his car. I had to scramble to get my camera when I saw him walking. I thought to myself, ‘What is that?’ He had all that hair and a beard. It reminded me of that Bigfoot photo immediately.” McDonald was presented with a desk clock with an inscription. Greendeer read the inscription.

McDonald said, “Thank you. I knew this was coming. I discovered it was happening from Security, so I thought up my speech last night. I’d compare this to when Jon Stockton, the NBA all time assist leader, became the assist leader. They passed him the ball, he said thank you, passed it back, and said ‘now let’s get back to the game.’ It’s fun to take breaks. But I like to get the job done. We have children and college students that are relying on us.”

McDonald continued, “When I first took the job, Greg Garvin was working in Education. I was working as the city basketball league manager for \$13/week. I was going to watch the Wisconsin Badgers in the Rose Bowl, but they scheduled an interview. I interviewed early; before I left. I remember



McDonald walking to his car is pictured next to Bigfoot, as captured by Jon Greendeer.



Guests to the 20 year celebration sign a giant card to mark the occasion.

Mugs and Beth Steindorf were on the interview panel. Sid was the planner back then. It was kind of funny, because after I worked two day on the job, I received a denial letter in the mail. Back then, we were going through executive directors every six months.”

McDonald concluded, “I like to express my gratitude for the 20 year celebration. I appreciate everyone taking time out of their busy schedule to show up and express all the words that were spoken on my behalf. It meant a lot to me. I would like to thank Marcus for the prayer that he offered. I also want to thank all who planned the event, from decorating to ordering the cake. Thanks for the cards and gifts that I received and were presented to me. It means more than you can imagine.”



Jeff McDonald of the Education Department celebrates 20 years as the department’s Accountant. Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer presented gifts on behalf of the Education Department.